

REMARKS

The present application, U.S. Application No. 10/630,347 (hereafter referred to as the "present application"), claims apparatuses, methods and systems for an electronic insertion or extraction cycle counter and logger device. The base claims of the present application are Claims 1, 11, 21, and 22.

Claims 1–22 are pending and have either been objected to or rejected in the current Office Action. Claims 1-2, 5-9, 11-12, 15-19 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Dahlke (US 5,991,355). Claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, and 20 stand objected to as depending from rejected base claims but are said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including any intervening claims. Additionally, the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

For purposes of expediting prosecution of this application, objected to Claims 3 and 13 are being rewritten in independent form, including all of the elements of the base claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims should be in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to refile the original claims of the present application in a continuing application.

Dependent Claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 16, and 20 are being amended to depend upon the currently amended Claims 3 and 13.

Independent Claims 21 and 22 are being amended to include similar elements as originally filed in Claims 3 and 13 and should now be in condition for allowance.

New independent Claim 23 includes the elements of objected to Claim 10, with all elements of the originally filed Claim 1. Similarly, new independent Claim 27 includes the elements of objected to Claim 20, with all elements of the originally filed Claim 11.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new independent Claims 23 and 27 are in condition for allowance.

New dependent Claims 24, 25, and 26 include the same elements as originally filed Claims 2, 3, and 4, respectively, and depend from new Claim 23. New dependent Claims 28, 29, and 30 include the same elements as originally filed Claims 12, 13, and 14, respectively, and

depend from new Claim 27. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new dependent Claims 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, and 30 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

In response to the rejections set forth in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the claims as amended in the Claim Listing above, the rejections are now moot.

Drawings

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The Office Action states that “[t]he network’ must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s).” Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner’s attention to “network 235” of FIG. 2G. The present application claims apparatuses and methods that include a monitor which may be coupled to a sensor via a network as well as a sensor and a monitor which may be deployed on a single circuit board or individually on a respective circuit board which may be coupled directly, indirectly or via a network. Each of the aforementioned embodiments are shown in Fig. 2G. Since a network is shown, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims will be pending after entry of this Amendment, Claims 2-10 and 12-30, are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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